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**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Invention: **Footwear Manufacturing System** )  
Serial No.: **09/844,860** )  
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**FEE CALCULATION:** No Additional Fees Due. Upon entry of the below amendment, the total number claims will be 20 or less, and the number of independent claims will be 3 or less.

**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action mailed **October 21, 2003**, please amend the application as follows: